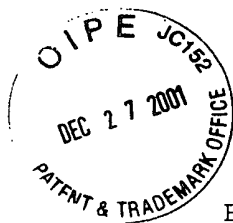


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Examiner : D. Romeo
Group Art Unit : 1647
Applicants : Hermann Oppermann, et al.
Application No. : 09/374,936
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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)
FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time to reply to the Office Action dated July 16, 2001. With the extension, a response is due on or before December 17, 2001 (December 16, 2001 being a Sunday). A check in the amount of \$400.00, in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2), is enclosed herewith.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or to credit overpayment of

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same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed herewith.

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